

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 43 (cancelled)

Claim 44 (currently amended): A cigarette comprising a tobacco rod and a multi-component filter including a cavity at least 85% filled with a bed of adsorbent granules constructed and arranged to substantially remove at least one gas phase smoke constituent from mainstream tobacco smoke as mainstream smoke is drawn through the filter, at least one flavor-releasing component located downstream of the bed of adsorbent granules constructed and arranged to release flavor to mainstream smoke as mainstream smoke is drawn through the filter, the flavor-releasing component having an upstream end portion adjacent the bed of adsorbent granules, and ventilation downstream of the adsorbent granules at the upstream end portion of the flavor-releasing component.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 44 wherein the bed of adsorbent granules includes a flavorant-bearing, activated carbon.

Claim 46 (currently amended): The A cigarette as in claim 44 comprising a tobacco rod and a multi-component filter including a cavity at least 85% filled with a bed of adsorbent granules constructed and arranged to substantially remove at least one smoke constituent from mainstream tobacco smoke as mainstream smoke is drawn through the filter, at least one flavor-releasing component located downstream of the bed of adsorbent granules constructed and arranged to release flavor to mainstream smoke as mainstream smoke is drawn through the filter, the flavor-releasing component having an upstream end portion adjacent the bed of adsorbent granules, and ventilation downstream of the adsorbent granules at the upstream end portion of the flavor-

releasing component, and wherein the flavor-releasing component includes a flavorant-bearing yarn and surrounding cellulose acetate.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 44 wherein the flavor-releasing component includes a cellulose acetate plug with flavorant thereon.

Claim 48 (currently amended): The A cigarette as in claim 44 comprising a tobacco rod and a multi-component filter including a cavity at least 85% filled with a bed of adsorbent granules constructed and arranged to substantially remove at least one smoke constituent from mainstream tobacco smoke as mainstream smoke is drawn through the filter, at least one flavor-releasing component located downstream of the bed of adsorbent granules constructed and arranged to release flavor to mainstream smoke as mainstream smoke is drawn through the filter, the flavor-releasing component having an upstream end portion adjacent the bed of adsorbent granules, and ventilation downstream of the adsorbent granules at the upstream end portion of the flavor-releasing component, and wherein the flavor-releasing component includes a cellulose acetate plug surrounded by plug wrap with flavorant on the plug wrap.

Claim 49 (canceled)

Claim 50 (currently amended): The A cigarette as in claim 44 comprising a tobacco rod and a multi-component filter including a cavity at least 85% filled with a bed of adsorbent granules constructed and arranged to substantially remove at least one smoke constituent from mainstream tobacco smoke as mainstream smoke is drawn through the filter, at least one flavor-releasing component located downstream of the bed of adsorbent granules constructed and arranged to release flavor to mainstream smoke as mainstream smoke is drawn through the filter, the flavor-releasing component having an upstream end portion adjacent the bed of adsorbent granules, and ventilation downstream of the adsorbent granules at the upstream end portion of the flavor-releasing component, and wherein the multi-component filter includes a component in the form of a plug defining a flow path with a transition from generally circular to

generally annular to thereby produce an increased pressure drop and increased dwell time of mainstream tobacco smoke in the filter.

Claim 51 (currently amended): The A cigarette as in claim 44 comprising a tobacco rod and a multi-component filter including a cavity at least 85% filled with a bed of adsorbent granules constructed and arranged to substantially remove at least one smoke constituent from mainstream tobacco smoke as mainstream smoke is drawn through the filter, at least one flavor-releasing component located downstream of the bed of adsorbent granules constructed and arranged to release flavor to mainstream smoke as mainstream smoke is drawn through the filter, the flavor-releasing component having an upstream end portion adjacent the bed of adsorbent granules, and ventilation downstream of the adsorbent granules at the upstream end portion of the flavor-releasing component, and wherein the multi-component filter includes a component in the form of a plug providing a flow constriction downstream of the bed of adsorbent granules.

Claim 52 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 51, wherein the plug providing the flow constriction downstream of the bed of adsorbent granules defines an annular flow path.

Claim 53 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 51, wherein the plug providing the flow constriction downstream of the bed of adsorbent granules defines a central flow path.

Claim 54 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 51, wherein the plug providing the flow constriction downstream of the bed of adsorbent granules comprises a concentric filter.

Claim 55 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 44, wherein the bed of adsorbent granules comprises carbon granules with flavorant on the carbon.

Claim 56 (canceled)